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NEWS DEPARTMENT

Marking the Spot Where Stevens Fell

On October 2, 1915, a granite monolith with a bronze tablet was erected to General Isaac I. Stevens on the spot where he fell in the Battle of Chantilly on September 1, 1862. A similar monument was dedicated to General Philip Kearny who fell in the same battle.

The ground on which the monuments were erected was given by Captain Ballard who owns the farm on which the battle was fought.

The inscription on the Stevens memorial is as follows:

"Here fell Major General Isaac Ingalls Stevens with the flag of the Republic in his dying grasp September 1st, 1862."

There were present at the ceremonies unveiling it: General Hazard Stevens, son of the hero honored, who was himself wounded in the same battle; Richard S. Eskridge and Captain Oliver S. Eskridge, grandsons of General I. I. Stevens, forty Union veterans, twenty Confederate veterans and sixty civilians.

The State of New Jersey some years ago created a commission to erect a statue and monument to General Kearny. The monument to General Stevens was erected by that commission assisted by General Hazard Stevens. This appropriate honor for Washington's first Territorial Governor by a commission of another state suggests once more that the State of Washington should take steps to erect a suitable statue of General Isaac Ingalls Stevens.

American Historical Association

The thirty-first annual meeting of this great organization was held in Washington City from Monday, December 27, to Friday, December 31. The programmes were rich and varied. Professor H. Morse Stephens discussed Nationalism and History in his presidential address. He was a worthy representative of the Pacific Coast, being of the faculty of the University of California.

The programmes did not contain topics this year bearing directly on the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Pacific Coast Branch

The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held its twelfth annual meeting at Stanford University on Friday and Saturday, Novemebr 26 and 27. Readers of this Quarterly will be most interested in the participation of Professor Ralph H. Lutz of the University of Washington. This year he is at Stanford University taking the place of Professor Krehbiel, who is absent on leave. Doctor Lutz gave a chapter from his European studies. The title of his paper was: "Rudolf Schleiden and the Visit to Richmond, April 25, 1861."

Oregon Historical Society

The seventeenth annual meeting of this organization was held in Portland, Oregon, on December 18. The annual address was given by O. B. Sperlin, Head of the Department of English in the Stadium and Lincoln Park High Schools of Tacoma. His theme was: "The Indians of the Northwest as Revealed in the Journals of the Earliest Fur Traders and Explorers."

Historic Spot in Yakima Valley

L. V. McWhorter, Sul-lil, the medicine man, and William Charley, as interpreter, made a trip in a heavy storm late in November to fix upon the exact spot where the Yakima Indians murdered their agent, A. J. Bolon, thus inciting the Indian war of 1855. Sul-lil, the medicine man, is supposed to be the last living witness of that tragedy. It is now proposed to mark the spot permanently for the sake of history.

Article by General Chittenden

General H. M. Chittenden, of Seattle, has an article on "Manifest Destiny" in the January number of the Atlantic Monthly. The main interest of the article lies in the eminent engineer's view of a just and sensible dealing with the problems presented by man and nature in the Imperial Valley, California.

Living Pioneers of Washington

The editor of this Quarterly has been writing a series of biographical sketches of living pioneers of the Pacific Northwest and especially of Washington for the editorial page of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. It is not at all likely that the articles will be collected into book form. However, they will be useful to future genealogists and historians. For their benefit and convenience the articles are cited here with the date of the Post-Intelligencer in which they appeared, the year being 1915, and the present address of each pioneer:

October 28, Edwin Eells, Tacoma.

October 29, Mrs. Louisa Boren Denny, Seattle.

October 30, Samuel Leroy Crawford, Seattle.

November 1, Mrs. Phoebe N. Judson, Lynden, Wash.

November 2, Edgar Bryan, Seattle.

November 3, Robert L. Dixon, Seattle.

November 4, Thomas Pier Hastie, Mount Vernon, Wash.

November 5, Rev. William Shaw Harrington, Seattle.

November 6, Edward Sturgis Ingraham, Seattle.

November 8, J. W. Edwards, Seattle.

November 9, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crawford, Seattle.

November 10, Mrs. Catharine Maple Van Asselt, Seattle.

November 11, Junious Thomas Turner, Washington, D. C.

November 12, Walter Graham, Seattle.

November 13, Prof. O. B. Johnson, Seattle.

November 15, Mrs. Lydia Clark Stark, Lynden, Wash.

November 16, Rev. Albert Atwood, Seattle.

November 17, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Rinehart, Seattle.

November 18, Clarence Booth Bagley, Seattle.

November 19, David Graham, Seattle.

November 20, Mrs. Flora A. P. Engle, Coupeville, Wash.

November 22, J. T. A. Bulfinch, Seattle.

November 23, Dr. G. V. Calhoun, Coupeville, Wash.

November 24, Judge and Mrs. R. S. Greene, Seattle.

November 25, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooke, Berkeley, Cal.

November 26, Gen. Hazard Stevens, Olympia, Wash.

November 27, Joseph A. Kuhn, Port Townsend, Wash.

November 29, Capt. John A. Mattson, Port Blakeley, Wash.

November 30, Mrs. Jane M. Kineth, Coupeville, Wash.

December 1, Mrs. Eliza Spalding Warren, Walla Walla, Wash.

December 2, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ward, Seattle.

December 3, Capt. George W. Morse (died December 23).

December 4, Allen C. Mason, Tacoma, Wash.

December 6, Henry C. Comegys, Snohomish, Wash.

December 7, Capt. W. B. Seymore, Charleston, Wash.

December 8, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillespie, Seattle.

December 9, Thomas Prather, Olympia, Wash.

December 10, Clark Ferguson, Snohomish, Wash.

December 11, Allen Weir, Olympia, Wash.

December 13, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moran, Rosario, Wash.

December 14, Charles W. Bethel, Harrington, Wash.

December 15, Mrs. Mary Jane Huson, Seattle.

December 16, Ellis H. Gross, Seattle.

December 17, Clarence Hanford, Seattle.

December 18, Mrs. E. W. P. Guye, Seattle.

Decemebr 20, F. H. Whitworth, Seattle.

December 21, Billy Seehorn, Spokane, Wash.

December 22, Rev. F. G. Strange, Muckilteo, Wash.

December 23, Mrs. Cassandra Eckler George, Seattle.

December 24, Charles T. Terry, Coupeville, Wash.

December 25, Eben S. Osborne, Seattle.

December 27, John McReavy, Union City, Wash.

December 28, Mrs. Mary F. Bean, Tacoma, Wash.

December 29, William P. Bonney, Tacoma, Wash.

December 30, Philip D. Moore, Olympia, Wash.

December 31, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Harris, Tacoma, Wash.